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**F. L. PARKS IS
HERO OF FIRE
AT UNION TOOL**

**Hurls Himself Against
Stream Aimed at
Live Wires**

Fire, caused by lightning, destroyed the switching station of the Union Tool company last Friday night and created intense excitement among the fire-fighters on account of the danger from burned electric wires carrying 15,000 volts.

The heat of the fire burned down three lines, which fell fortunately in such a manner that nobody was hurt.

F. L. Parks, Torrance plumber, seeing the firemen about to direct the hose toward the fallen live wires, hurled himself against the stream and prevented possible injury to the firemen who held the metal nozzle.

The switching house containing a transformer was destroyed. The fire cut the company's power lines, and it was only through utilization of the company's own auxiliary power plant that the factory was able to operate Saturday.

The lines were connected up again by Saturday night.

**Union Tool Girls
Dance Big Success**

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Union Tool Company Girls' club gave a benefit dance at the Legion hall. The proceeds are to give Christmas cheer to the kiddies in the Children's hospital of Los Angeles, where the club has founded and is maintaining a department.

Miss Grain, who presides over this department in the hospital, attended the dance, with two nurses.

Eric Green and his jazzy shell-shockers, of Long Beach, furnished the music. Special entertainers were asked to make the evening one that will not be forgotten. Mr. Green sang many comic songs, which kept the audience in laughter and tears.

Miss Grace Seabrook fascinated all those present with her clever dancing.

Norman Priehs, pitcher for the Union Tool baseball team, who recently arrived in Torrance from Toledo, O., also sang a number of songs. Everybody enjoyed them very much indeed.

The dance was a huge success, socially and financially, and everybody present reported having spent a most enjoyable evening.

**Hawthorne Votes
Large Bond Issue
For Water System**

Several days after Torrance voters defeated three proposed bond issues for public improvements, the city of Hawthorne passed a bond issue for \$200,000 for the purchase of the city water system. Only 26 votes were registered against the proposition. Hawthorne recently passed bond issues for boulevard lights on its main streets, and is now paving to the city limits both the east and west and north and south highways.

C. C. M. O. GETS ANOTHER

Torrance No. 17 of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company was placed on production Wednesday night. This well is on 216th street in the 4970 tract. It is flowing about 500 barrels.

WESTON NO. 1 MILE DEEP

Union is still drilling its Weston No. 1 and is down more than 5200 feet. The company admits that excellent showings were encountered between 3000 and 4000 feet. It is reported that the well will be drilled to 6000 feet.

"IN THE GREASE"

**Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps
Around Proven Territory.**

There was plenty of spectacular stuff in the field this week. Four wells blew in while being bailed for shutoff tests. They were Sentinel's Joughlin No. 1, on east old Redondo road; Rogers and Edwards, offsetting Fortuna's producer on Acacia street in Lomita; Belridge Oil company's well on Cedar street, Lomita; McDonnell corporation's Torrance-Lomita No. 1, on Cedar street.

Officials of the Superior Oil company have decided to deepen Bowles No. 1, the most northerly well in the 4070 tract. Water presented production on this well and the company will go deeper in hopes of striking another pay sand.

Superior believes it has succeeded in shutting off the water on Torrance No. 2 (known as the Shedd well) on Carson street. A production test will be made shortly.

Chanslor-Canfield is preparing to put Torrance No. 29 and Torrance No. 23 on production. The former well is near Plaza del Amo and the latter on the old Redondo road.

Five wells received on O. K. on water shutoff this week and are drilling ahead. They are Chanslor-Canfield's Torrance No. 16 near the

Steinhilber lease, Torrance 19 on Arlington street, Petroleum Securities' Torrance No. 4 on the Marble lease, Hub's Cook-Brandon No. 1, offsetting Midway Northern No. 2 on the old Redondo road, and Sprague's Hugh No. 1 at Pepper and Narbonne, Lomita.

Julian's No. 6 was drilled so fast by Tom Cannon that the crew is waiting around now for pipe to arrive. The hole is down 3545 feet. This well is the most southerly drilling well in Lomita, being southwest of Federal's Gerner No. 1.

The following wells are standing cemented: Universal Moore Nos. 2, 3 and 5; Star Petroleum, on Palm street; Huntington Signal company, on Palm street; Leonard Wells, on Palm street; Sanita Petroleum No. 2, on Acacia; Ring Petroleum, on Acacia street; White Star, at Pepper and Pennsylvania; Midway Northern No. 3, on old Redondo road; Fisher and Gregg No. 1, at Cypress and Fir; Petroleum Midway Mitchell No. 1, on Gramercy street, Torrance.

Intention of Federal to deepen Gerner No. 1 at Elgin and Narbonne avenue is evident. The well is being drilled every night.

Petroleum Midway's Lewis No. 1, drilling north of Torrance, is down 3660 feet, with excellent showings, the company reports.

**Scores Join Club
For Progress Here**

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Rising Vote Taken
George Neill moved that a rising vote of confidence in the board of trustees be taken. Everyone rose even before the motion could be seconded.

The meeting then informally discussed various phases of Torrance problems. During the discussion these assertions were made:

1—That the statement that only the business men are against drilling for oil in the restricted district is untrue, but that scores of home-owners, true, but that their living in Torrance, but earning their living in Torrance, stand equally against not in business, stand equally against destruction of the city by oil derricks.

2—That Western avenue should be paved if there is a possible way to do it.

3—That only through organization can the forces of construction defeat the purposes of the obstructionists.

The meeting next Monday night will be open to citizens who have signed the organization declaration and others who may be invited.

O. E. S. PARTY SUCCESS

It seems useless to elaborate when everyone knows that the Eastern Star card parties are always a success.

At the one held Wednesday evening everybody had a wonderful time, especially the prize-winners, whose names follow: Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. May McKinley, Mrs. Corn, F. L. Parks, Charles Vonderahe, and Jos. Fay. Consolations: Mrs. W. C. Von Hagen, Mr. Richardson. Door prizes: Charles De Boeuf and James Crane.

BAZAAR SUCCESS

The bazaar held Tuesday by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church was a decided success. Decorated in the holiday colors, red and green, the rooms presented an attractive appearance.

The many beautiful articles were all sold, and those as well whose chief claim lay in their utility.

About 250 folks enjoyed the baked ham dinner. It sure was good.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hillestad, friends from Hawley, Minn., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sauer the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Moss Awrey of the same place joined the party Tuesday.

Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Hattie Hathaway included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hathaway and family, James Hathaway of Pennsylvania avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hathaway of Maywood, Mrs. Ruth Jordan of Redondo, and J. B. Harris and children, of Los Angeles.

**Mothers' Center
Here Draws From
Two Other Cities**

In spite of the rain and threatening weather, and that November 30 was the next day after Thanksgiving, eighteen babies were brought to the Mothers' Educational Center, held at the high school on that date. The fame of the Torrance Mothers' Educational Center seems to be spreading to the neighboring towns. One mother from Venice and two from Hermosa Beach brought their babies to be scored.

Most of the return babies showed a marked improvement in their condition, one little fellow gaining three pounds in the four weeks' use of the corrected diet.

There being fewer applicants, Dr. Wilde and Dr. Beach could give more time to the individuals, and the mothers felt that this meeting was the most successful so far held. The next meeting of the Mother's Educational Center will be held Friday, Jan. 4, 1924.

FRENGER WELL IN

Shell company this week put its Frenger No. 1 on production from the 3660-foot level. The well is producing 190 barrels a day.

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